

# Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 23 September 2015, at Welshampton Parish Hall, starting at 7pm

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### Formal Meeting

#### Present:

**Councillors:** Andrew Haydon (Chair), Lawrence Houghton MBE, Sarah Jefferies, Bob Richards, Chris Symes, Martin Withington and Jennifer Wright.

**In attendance:** Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams, PC Paul Crump and Police CSO Tracey Walker

**Clerk:** Rebecca Turner

**Members of the Public:** 9

#### 107/15 Election of Chair of the Council

Cllr. Hamilton had tendered her resignation as chairman and as a councillor. Nominations for the chair of the council were invited. Cllr. Haydon was proposed by Cllr. Wright and seconded by Cllr. Symes. **It was resolved unanimously to elect Cllr. Haydon.**

#### 108/15 Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr. Haydon signed his declaration of acceptance of office, duly witnessed by the Clerk.

#### 109/15 Election of Vice Chairman

Nominations were invited for Vice Chairman. Cllr. Symes was proposed by Cllr. Wright and seconded by Cllr. Haydon. It was resolved unanimously to elect Cllr. Symes.

#### 110/15 Public Participation Period

PC Crump and CSO Walker were present to discuss parish concerns regarding speeding. A number of members of the public and councillors raised concerns. Speeding is of great concern to parishioners and is a priority in the Parish Plan. It was felt that it is only a matter of time before there is a fatality. It was reported that there are issues with vehicles, including motorbikes, doing speeds of circa 100mph and overtaking dangerously on both the eastern and western approaches to Welshampton on the A495, on the Balmer Road and at the Breadon Crossroads. Problems with vehicles speeding up as they exit 30mph zones were reported. HGVs/cars travelling along the narrow stretch of road between the Welshampton Road to the Wem Road (just before Northwood) were reported, including concerns for safety of pedestrians walking from the campsite to The Sun Inn. Issues with lorries travelling through Welshampton were also reported. Noise from motorbikes, without legal silencers was also reported.

PC Crump said that the police recognise the issue but it is an issue that all town and parish councils have and therefore it is difficult to police all areas; the police prioritise 30/40mph zones. He said that people are being trained to use a speed laser gun and that this could be used in the parish. He advised that hand held guns have been used for monitoring in the past but he did not know if the Safer Roads Partnership had done monitoring in the area. The Parish Council asked for increased speed monitoring and more rigorous policing. The Parish Council also wanted to explore the possibility of starting a Community Speed Watch scheme, as the parish had previously. The Parish Council wanted to explore the possibility of a 40mph buffer zone; PC Crump advised that this needed to be done through Shropshire Council Highways. Councillor Williams said he would ask Dave Bradwell for statistics on fatalities in the parish.

A member of the public spoke in relation to application 15/0514/DIS and thanked the council for continuing to monitor progress. The resident was extremely concerned that although the site had been occupied since March there is very slow progress in fulfilling the planning conditions. The member of the public intended to put this concern to the North Shropshire Planning Committee. The clerk was asked to enquire as to Shropshire Council's process for ensuring planning conditions are fulfilled.

#### **111/15 Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 July 2015**

**It was resolved to accept the minutes and adopt them as a correct record.**

#### **112/15 Report from the inquorate meeting of 26 August 2015**

It was reported that Cllr. Symes and Haydon and 2 members of the public had attended the inquorate meeting. One member of the public had spoken in the public session regarding application 14/05372/FUL.

#### **113/15 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

- a. Members were reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, whether or not the Interest is entered in the Register of Members' Interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.

No members had any interests to declare.

- b. Requests for Dispensation: None

#### **114/15 Shropshire Councillor's Report**

Cllr. Williams reported that the Highways technician for the area is now Chris Fisher. He also reported that Shropshire Council needs to make significant budget cuts in the next 2 years and to consider which services it can afford to continue to provide.

#### **115/15 Planning**

##### ***a. Decisions Received – to note***

- i. 15/02233/FUL Crab Mill Farm, Colemere SY12 0QL  
Erection of a manege to include change of use of land

**Decision: Grant Permission**

- ii. 15/02785/PMBPA - Rowe Farm Barn, Rowe Lane, Welshampton, SY12 0QB  
Application for Prior Approval under Part 3, Class Q of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for change of use from agricultural use to residential use

**Decision: Prior Approval Required and Refused**

- iii. 15/03017/TCA The Boat House, Oteley, Mereside, Ellesmere, SY12 0PB  
To fell one Poplar tree within Ellesmere Conservation Area

**Decision: No Objection**

**b. Applications Received – to consider response**

- i. 14/04589/MAW Ellesmere Sand And Gravel, Spunhill, SY12 0HY  
Extension to Wood Lane Quarry

**No update.**

- ii. 14/05372/FUL Colemere Caravan Park, Colemere  
Use of land for the siting of 2no. camping pods together with existing 10no. camping pitches and 3no. caravan pitches

**It was noted that Shropshire Wildlife Trust has commented and the parish council had received copies of correspondence from other parties.**

- iii. 15/01514/DIS Land At Brookmill, Hampton Wood  
Discharge of conditions 5(Surface water and foul water drainage) 6 (wildlife protection), 7 (levels), 8 (landscaping), 9 (manure) and 11 (habitat management plan) relating to the construction of stables, manege and temporary mobile home and change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian use 14/02078/FUL

**General discussion took place regarding the manner in which the applicant was managing the progress of the application, the slowness of Shropshire Council and lack of confidence in any required enforcement actions.**

**It was resolved to invite Development Management to the next meeting.**

- iv. 15/02270/REF Development Land East Of Village Hall Welshampton Shropshire

Outline application (access for approval) for mixed residential development (open market & affordable)

**It was noted that a date of 15 December has been set for an appeal hearing and the parish council may be invited to this**

- v. 15/02726/FUL 7 The Avenue, Lyneal, SY12 0QJ  
Erection of two storey extension following demolition of existing single storey

**The parish council had no objections to this application**

- vi. 15/02742/FUL 3 Mill Lane, Lyneal, SY12 0LE  
Erection of two storey side extension to include balcony; single storey rear extension; single storey side garden room and detached double garage

**The parish council had no objections to this application**

- vii. 15/03228/FUL Cherry House, Breadon Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 2LG

Erection of a single storey oak framed garden room

**The parish council had no objections to this application**

### 116/15 Locum Clerk's Report

The locum clerk advised that she had been working on the October newsletter. The annual police survey had been received and it was agreed that Cllr. Haydon would complete this. The council had been invited to the SALC AGM and would send its apologies.

### 117/15 Financial Matters

**a. Balances for Information** – noted and approved

**b. Outstanding accounts** – the following were approved for payment

| Payee    | Item             | Ref | Chq. no | Net     | VAT   | Gross   |
|----------|------------------|-----|---------|---------|-------|---------|
| R Turner | Locum clerk fees | 30  | 900     | £403.37 | £0.00 | £403.37 |
| HMRC     | PAYE Qtr. 2      | 31  | 901     | £127.80 | £0.00 | £127.80 |

**c. Payments already made** - the following payments made between meetings were approved:

| Payee               | Item                 | Ref | Chq. no | Net     | VAT    | Gross   |
|---------------------|----------------------|-----|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| EON                 | Electricity          | 24  | DD      | £48.29  | £2.41  | £50.70  |
| C Warner            | Salary               | 25  | 895     | £530.76 | £0.00  | £530.76 |
| Mazars              | External audit       | 26  | 896     | £100.00 | £20.00 | £120.00 |
| SALC                | Training             | 27  | 897     | £20.00  | £0.00  | £20.00  |
| Highline Electrical | Street light repairs | 28  | 898     | £101.50 | £20.30 | £121.80 |
| A Russon            | Grounds maintenance  | 29  | 899     | £385.00 | £0.00  | £385.00 |

**d. External Audit Report** – the external auditor's report had been received with no issues having been received, thereby concluding the 2014-15 audit.

**e. Bank Mandate** – it was resolved to appoint Cllr. Haydon as a signatory.

### 118/15 Appointment of Representatives to outside bodies

**a. Local Joint Committee** – Cllr. Wright

**b. Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Hall Committee** – Cllr. Richards

### 119/15 Appointment of School Governor by Parish Council

The Chair of Governors had advised that there is no constitutional provision for the parish council to be represented on the school governing body.

### 120/15 Parish Plan 2015

**a. Speeding Traffic**

Further to the discussion with PC Crump (see 110/15), the following actions were agreed:

- Obtain accident statistics from Dave Bradwell
- Write to Safer Roads Partnership requesting enforcement and requesting an application form for Community Speedwatch.

**b. Broadband**

Ben Walker of Connecting Shropshire will attend the 28 October meeting

**c. Next topic**

It was agreed to focus on speeding and broadband for the time being.

**121/15 Councillor's Reports:**

None.

**122/15 Parish Matters:**

**a. Wood Lane Landfill Site**

Liaison Group meeting to be arranged for 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> October.

**b. SAMDEV housing land supply statement**

**c. Crime Prevention** – a request had been received to hold a community event on crime prevention – noted

**d. Transparency Code Grant Funds** – it was noted that funding may be available to purchase a laptop. It was agreed to investigate this once the new clerk had been appointed.

**e. Meres and Mosses Partnership** – request for statement on how funds have benefitted the parish – noted.

**f. NHS Future Fit** – it was noted that the NHS Future Fit options for future health care provision have been published and that “Defend Our NHS” campaign group had offered to attend a meeting in the parish.

**123/15 Highways**

No new matters to report.

*No public and press were present during the following 2 items and the locum clerk left the room for item 124/15.*

**124/15 Clerk recruitment**

**It was resolved to appoint Rebecca Turner, subject to a 6 month probationary period, on a 7.5 hour a week contract.**

**125/15 Allocation of affordable funds**

Shropshire Council had sought the parish council's view in regard to the allocation of funds for affordable housing, further to a specific request SC had received. **It was resolved that the parish council did not support the request.**

**126/15 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items**

Wednesday 28 October 2015

Agenda items September meeting: Fibre Broadband presentation

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